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## INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

## BRIEFS

VENEZUELA DEPORTS COLOMBIANS--Cucuta, Colombia, 6 Oct (AFP)--Venezuela has deported 150 undocumented Colombians, including 51 women, and turned them over to security authorities here. According to local authorities, the deportees were engaged in agricultural activities on farms in Merida, Tachira and Zulia states. Some of the women who were deported charged that the Venezuelan authorities maltreated them when they were arrested and taken to Cucuta, on the border between the two countries. They said they were not allowed to take their children who were born in Venezuela with them. The children had to be abandoned. Colombia and Venezuela are currently studying the establishment of a mechanism that will permit the legalization of some of the thousands of undocumented Colombians who go to Venezuela in search of better economic conditions. Colombian authorities stated here that the deportees will be sent to their places of origin within the next few hours. [Text] [Paris AFP in Spanish 1337 GMT 6 Oct 79 PA]

VENEZUELA GRANTS DOMINICANS ASYLUM--Caracas, 3 Oct (EFE)--The Venezuelan Government has granted asylum to two newsmen who took refuge in this country's embassy in Santo Domingo. According to an official note released today in Caracas, these persons are newsmen Esteban Castro Mundara and Orangel Andres Gonzalez, both Dominicans. The two produced a radio program, "Analysis of the Times," broadcast over one of Santo Domingo's main stations. Although the reasons for taking asylum were not revealed, it was said that the two newsmen are members of the party headed by former President Joaquin Balaguer. They took asylum just a few days after the discovery of a subversive movement to overthrow President Antonio Guzman. [Text] [Madrid EFE in Spanish 1248 GMT 3 Oct 79 PA]

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RESIGNATION DENIED--Cordoba, 4 Oct--Col Juan Carlos Bilbao (Ret), president of the Cordoba National University radio and television station, this morning denied journalistic rumors about his alleged resignation from his post. Bilbao said that the rumors of his resignation were groundless and recalled that the Radio and Television Services (SAT) constitute a corporation whose main stockholder is the local university, with a board of directors that he heads. [Excerpt] [Buenos Aires CRONICA in Spanish 5 Oct 79 p 2 PY]

AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT--The Government of Egypt has accepted the appointment of Gen Luis Jorge Warckmaeistern Rt as Argentine ambassador to that country. [Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 10 Oct 79 PY]

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